Title : Problems faced by Anganwadi workers.

SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR (CALICUT): I want to draw the attention of the Government to the sad plight of the Anganwadi teachers and workers throughout the country. Anganwadi teachers and workers play the most dominant role in providing basic education, nutrition and ensuring health in rural India. Working mothers can supplement their family income as they are able to entrust the care of their children to the Anganwadi staff. Anganwadi teachers put in more working hours than the ordinary teachers. It is quite regrettable and sad to note that despite their social commitment and diligence, they are very poorly paid and treated worse than the Class IV employees.

Recently I inaugurated a struggle of Anganwadi teachers, workers and staff in Trivandrum. More than five thousand Anganwadi staff participated in it. Their demand is just. I urge upon the Government to look into the problem sympathetically and also enhance the honorarium of Anganwadi workers and helpers and also institute a pension scheme for them. I think it is very necessary that the Government should look into the matter with all sympathy and concern. Thank you.